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For: **DITCH FORMING APPARATUS AND METHOD**

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, and that I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and described in the attached specification and for which a patent is sought in this application entitled: DITCH FORMING APPARATUS AND METHOD.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, and acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

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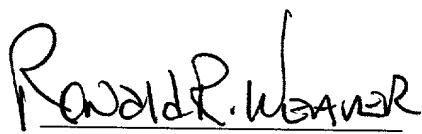
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